

# The American Legion

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## LEGION PAYS OFF BIG DEBTS

Organization Disposes of Claims and Interest Amounting to \$44,768.60 During Month of April.

Long-standing debts aggregating \$32,000 and accrued interest amounting to \$11,768.60 were paid off by the American Legion during the month of April, according to a financial statement recently issued by Robert H. Tyndall, national treasurer of the organization.

The statement, which sets forth the financial status of the Legion as of April 30, 1920, marks an important step in the history of the 15-month-old body. It stands as conclusive evidence that the initial expenditure of some \$257,000 which the Legion borrowed prior to the Minneapolis convention for use in building up a solid, permanent organization on a firm basis, was wisely made.

"When the idea of a Legion was first conceived and its founders began putting into execution their plans for making it the vast reality it now is," said Mr. Tyndall, "they found they needed money, just as in the case of any new association or enterprise. All business men know that every new enterprise must sustain an initial loss to be liquidated later over a period of time after the body becomes a success.

"To initiate the organization plan, some 200 friends of the Legion individually guaranteed 92 separate loans, aggregating \$257,000, secured by their personal notes. The money was borrowed on these notes throughout the country on a basis of apportionment according to federal reserve bank districts. The loan is a legal debt, acknowledged by the Legion at its national convention, and constitutes an ordinary, normal business transaction. The notes bear interest and every penny of interest and principal will be paid off just as fast as our present stable resources warrant.

"Today, the best evidence that the money was wisely expended is found in the fact that the American Legion is definitely established as a completely organized body. That active management of its affairs is in the hands of a national executive committee composed of representatives from every state in the Union shows that the organization is a sound one.

"It is due entirely to the able efforts of those in charge of the early organization work, who raised the money and expended it in a business-like way, that the Legion is now able to pay off these debts in substantial sums.

"National headquarters of the Legion receives no financial support except from dues and sale of emblems, excluding, of course, the \$400,000 trust fund given to the Legion by the Y. M. C. A. This money, which probably will be increased to \$500,000 after the final audit of the Y. M. C. A. account, will be invested in safe securities pending the formal appointment of the Fletcher American National Bank of Indianapolis as trustee, the executive committee of the Legion having decided that the sum be held in trust for a period of five years. The principal, under this plan, is to be invested and re-invested, the income to be used for the benefit of disabled ex-service men or for work in connection with the National Americanism Commission of the American Legion, the donors having expressed this preference."

## NEW HAMPSHIRE IS IN LEAD

Department Shows Gain of 6,000 Members During American Legion Week; Nebraska Second.

In a letter forwarded to all departments of the American Legion recently, Lemuel Bolles, national adjutant, announces that standings of states in the Legion "membership push" will be determined on the basis of returns at national headquarters up to the close of business June 15.

Incomplete reports from various parts of the country indicate that the New Hampshire department with a gain of 6,000 new members during the American Legion week, having so far secured the largest percentage of eligibility in its state, is leading all others. Nebraska is second, Massachusetts third and California fourth in the race at present. It is estimated that the grand total of new members gathered in during the entire campaign will be nearly half a million.

Reports arriving at national headquarters during the last few days show that in comparatively few instances have all parts in any state reported their gains of new members gained, and it is believed the winning department will not be definitely known until after June 15.

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Mrs. M. L. Croy who has been sick for the past three weeks is some better.

Glenn Wilcox and family spent last Sunday at Portland and Lyons. Verne Gardner was in St. Louis on business Friday.

Goldia Wood from near Middleton attended church here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Salisbury of Egypt St. accompanied by her sister and husband were Sunday guests at A. Van Heck's.

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